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Dear Mr. Hunter:

My wife and I are down here in Australia for a brief tour on a **Finhr** Fulhright grant. While we were in Brisbane, a few days ago, we came across this article (clipping enclosed) which we thought would interest you and the readers of your editorial and university news columns.

The article speaks for itself & has an interesting contrast to the role of the University of Wisconsin in the life of our state. Queensland University is a State in institution, almost entirely financed out of tax revenues. Several academic people that we talked to indicated that the university policy of the previous Labor government was one of the issues involved in its recent upset, though probably the most important was simply a split in its ranks, as much on personal as on doctrinaire issues. Nonetheless, the overturn was hardly less astonishing than Bill Proxmire's recent success.

One moral is that, in various circumstances, academic freedom can be imperilled by political intermference from the Left as much as from the Right.

Yours sincerely.

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P.S. If you should make any writeup on this, could you send us a clipping as we have temporarily suspended our subscription to the C.T. Address:

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